

With only one exception these places are all near Manchester, and are included within a circle of 30 miles radius, whose centre is 25 miles S. S. E. of Manchester. This point is near the boundary of the three counties of Chester, Derby, and Stafford, and this circle has without doubt been the home of the Lomas family for several centuries.

The resemblance between the Christian names occurring in England and those found at Windsor, Conn., is quite remarkable. Thus in the small town of Stockport, Cheshire, the Post Office Directory gives eight persons (only) of the name Lomas, and their Christian names are John, Joseph, James, Isaac, Matthew, Jacob, Charles, and William. Each of these names is found in the first three generations of the Lomas family at Windsor, and the first four names occur in the aggregate 26 times.

From the preceding examination it is inferred that for a long period the principal home of the Lomas family in Great Britain has been in the vicinity of Derbyshire.

*Early history of the name Lomas in England.*—In order to trace the history of the name Lomas, I have consulted early English records as far as I have been able. In the "Calendar to Pleadings in the reigns of Henry VII. to Elizabeth," a work in two vols., folio, published in 1827, the names Lomas, Lomax, and Lommas occur in all seven times. In the "Proceedings in Chancery in the reign of Elizabeth," a work in three vols., folio, published by the British Government in 1827-32, the names Lomas and Lomax each occur once. In an English periodical entitled "Notes and Queries," 2d series, vol. 8th, is a communication containing some hints respecting the early history of the Lomas family. In "William Berry's Pedigrees of Hertfordshire families," is given the pedigree of Joshua Lomax, who died in 1685. In a few other ancient documents I have found occasional mention of the name Lomas. The following table embodies the substance of the information derived from the preceding sources, to which I have added the Lomas and Lomax graduates of the two oldest English Universities, down to 1850.

*Table illustrating the history of the name Lomas in England.*

Year.

1435 Oliverus del Lumbhalghes, Thomas del Lumbhalgh, Radus del Lumbhalghes, and Galfridus del Lumbhalghes, held lands within the Manor of Bury, Lancaster Co., near Manchester.

1497 Lawrens Lomatz of Bolton, near Manchester, aged 70. Notes and Queries, 2d series, vol. 8, p. 478.